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of the

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Turner Swamp (Colored)

Primitive Baptist Association

held with

LITTLE ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH
ash County, Rocky, Mount, N. C.
October, 9, 10, 11,

1950

1951 Session convenes with Barnes Church, located three miles from Stantonsburg, or 7 miles from Wilson, N. C. on Stantonsburg road, to begin Saturday before tthe 2nd Sunday in October.

Officers

T. B. BEST - Moderator	Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
JOHN T. ALSTON - Clerk,	Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.

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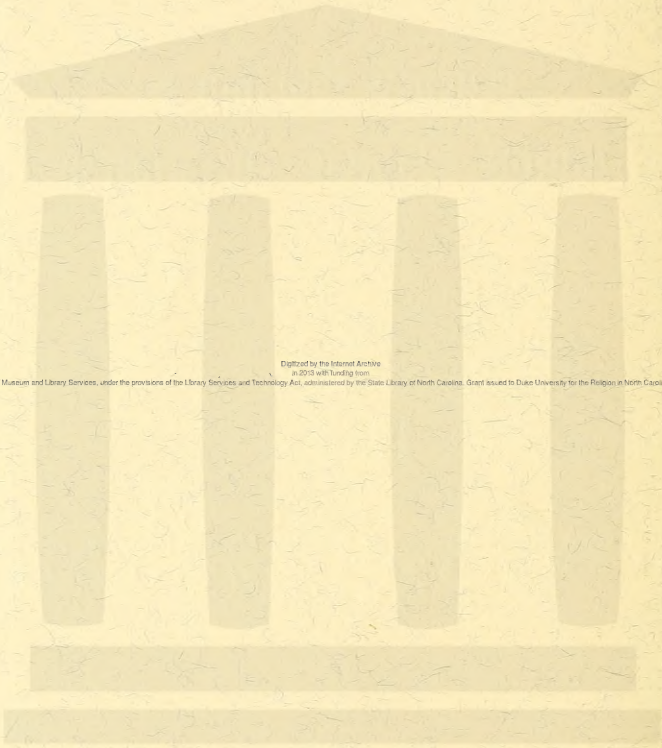

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Proceedings

OF THE THIRTY NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TURNER SWAMP PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH LITTLE ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., NASH COUNTY, OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 1950.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder L. W. Pulley.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by L. W. Pulley from Zech. 13:1, followed by Elder J. A. Armstrong, text, Isa. 32:1.

After intermission one hour conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder A. L. Cooper.

1. On motion Elder T. B. Best was chosen as Moderator, Elder John T. Alston was chosen Clerk.

2. The Moderator announced the Association organized and invited brethren and messengers from sister Associations to seats as follows:

Durham—Elders A. L. Cooper and R. Wade.

Little Kehukee—Elders A. Hymen and King Jones.

Second Ketocton of Virginia—Elders S. W. Timbers and James A. Bailey, and messengers composing this Association were seated.

3. Called for and read the letters from the churches; the messengers were seated and enrolled in the Statistical Table.

4. On motion and agreed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

5. Elders were appointed to preach this afternoon at the stand as follows: Elders J. A. Bailey, J. O. Lloyd.

6. Brother Junius Freeman was chosen to record the ministers' texts.

7. A Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: G. Drewery, Jem Pulley, Robert Artis.

On Arrangements: Brothers E. Dickerson, R. Rountree, I. Watters.

8. On motion, called for petitionary letters to join this Association; none.

9. On motion, correspondent Associations reported as follows:

Durham—Elder A. L. Cooper and Elder R. Wade, with file of Minutes, love, and hope for continued peace and correspondence.

Kehukee—Elders A. Hymen, and K. Jones, J. O. Lloyd, Brother J. Knight, with file of Minutes, peace and love.

Second Ketocton of Virginia—Elders S. W. Timbers and James A. Bailey, with file of Minutes, love and peace.

10. On motion, agreed that all messengers or ministers coming in later be seated.

11. On motion agreed to have four hundred copies of our Minutes printed.

12. On motion agreed to pay the Clerk $10.00 for his services.

The business then proceeded as follows:

Called for Circular Letter, which was read and adopted. J. A. Armstrong was appointed to write the Circular Letter for next year.

Appointed correspondents to sisters Associations as follows:
Second Ketocton of Virginia—J. A. Armstrong, and John T. Alston.
Durham—T. B. Best, and A. Hill.
Little Kehukee—T. B. Best and A. Hill.

13. Brother G. D. Drewery was retained as Treasurer of the Association.

14. Agreed that the next session of this Association be held with Barnes Church, Wilson County, near Stantonsburg, N. C., 7 miles from Wilson, on old Stantonsburg road, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1951.

15. On motion agreed to adjourn until Monday morning, 10: o'clock. Closed with song and prayer by Elder L. W. Pulley.

MONDAY MORNING:

Met pursuant to adjournment, with song and prayer by Elder A. Hymen.

1. Called roll of messengers and marked absentees in Table.

2. Called for and received Committee reports as follows:

3. On Arrangements: The Committee was honorably discharged, with thanks for their service.

4. The Finance Committee reported as follows

RECEIPTS:

Received from churches	$115.00
Received from friends	103.70
Balance in hands of Treasurer	26.30
Total	$245.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	30.00
Allowed for Moderator	8.00
Allowed for Clerk	10.00
Visiting Ministers	69.00
Home Ministers	30.00
Miscellaneous, Treasurer, Lumber, Hauling and C. C. etc.	64.45
Total	$211.45
Amount left in Treasury	$33.55

5. Reports received and Committees discharged.

6. Agreed that the Clerk distribute our Minutes to our churches and correspondents, and record one copy on our records.

Agreed that the Rules of Decorum be printed in these Minutes.

A resolution of thanks was extended to those in Rocky Mount and round about who so kindly contributed and cared for and prepared for us.

7. Read and approved Minutes.

On motion agreed to adjourn to time and place of our next session the Lord willing.

Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder John T. Alston.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren in the Lord we hope: As you have chosen me to write the Circular Letter in the last session, though I feel unworthy to write, I will make the attempt to greet the ministers and messengers who comprise the Turner Swamp Association.

I shall call your attention to the second chapter of Ephesians, beginning with the first verse: "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins. Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. But God, which is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved). Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children, and walk in love as Christ also hath loved us."

So brethren, let us walk in love with each other, as Christ has so loved us. I hope and trust I love you all. May the good Lord bless all of us to meet in love is my prayer for Christ's sake.

Your brother in Christ, I hope,

—L. W. PULLEY

PREACHING SERVICE

Saturday Morning:

Elder L. W. Pulley, text Zech. 13:1.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, text, Isaiah 32:1.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. Bailey opened with praise and prayer.
Then he preached using text Genesis 3:9.
Elder J. O. Lloyd, subjest, Reason why He came..

Sunday Morning:

Services opened by Elder J. T. Alston with praise and prayer, he then preached, text, Rev. 7:13.
Elder A. Hill, no special text.
Elder R. Wade, no special text.
Elder S. W. Timbers, text Gal. 4:1.
Elder A. Hymen, 1 John 3:1.
Benediction by Elder L. W. Pulley.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. Newsom opened with praise and prayer.
Then he preached from Songs of Solomon 1:5.
Elder A. L. Cooper, no special text.
Elder E. Tillery, text Matt. 11:28.
Elder K. W. Jones, text, Genesis 1:4.
Closed by benediction by the Moderator.

Monday Morning:

Elder A. Hymen opened with praise and prayer.
Then preached text, Rev. 1:1, 3.
Elder S. W. Timbers, text, Dan. 6:5.
Elder T. B. Best, closed with hymn No. 621.
Benediction by Elder T. B. Best. .

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder T. B. Best, Rt. 1, Fremont, N. C.
Elder A. Hill, 505 Manchester St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder J. A. Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder L. W. Pulley, Rt. 2, Spring Hope, N. C.
Elder J. T. Alston, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Elder E. Tillery, 1021 Mercer St., Wilson, N. C.
Elder Andrew Coley, Pikeville, N. C.
Elder Ed. Newsom, Wilson, N. C. .

Licentiate:

Harvey Armstrong, Rt. 1, Elm City, N. C.
Manse Bullock, Rocky Mount, N. C.
George Sumbley, Rocky Mount, N. C.

CHURCH QUARTERLY MEETINGS

London's Church—1st Sunday in February, May, August, November
Turner Swamp—2nd Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Little Union—4th Sunday in January, April, July, October.
Barnes—3rd Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Spring Hope—3rd Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Rick's Grove—2nd Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Rocky Mount—1st Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Little Nahunta—4th Sunday in February, May, August, November.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the being of God as almighty, eternal, unchangeable, of infinite wisdom, power, justice, holiness, goodness, mercy and truth, and that this God has revealed Himself in His Word under the character of Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that Almighty God has made known His mind and will to the children of men in His Word, which word we believe to be of divine authority, and contains all things necessary to be known for salvation of men and women, the same is comprehended or obtained in the books of the Old and New Testaments as are commonly received.

3. We believe that God, before the foundation of the world, for the purpose of His own glory, did elect a certain number of men and angels to life, and that this election is particular, eternal and unconditional on the creature's part.

4. We believe that when God made man, at first he was pure, holy, and upright, able to keep the law, but liable to fall, and that he stood as a federal head or representative of all his natural offspring, and that they were to be partakers of the benefits of his obedience or exposed to the misery which sprang from his disobedience.

5. We believe that Adam fell from this state of moral rectitude and

that he involved himself and all his natural offspring in a state of death, and for that original transgression we all are both filthy and guilty in the sight of an holy God.

6. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of men as fallen creatures to keep the law of God perfectly, repent of their sins truly, or believe in Christ except they be drawn by the Holy Spirit.

7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way (by means which He hath ordained), the elect shall be called, justified, pardoned, and sanctified, and that it is impossible they can utterly refuse the call, but shall be made willing by divine grace to receive the offers of mercy.

8. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received and applied by faith alone.

9. We believe in like manner that God's elect shall not only be called and justified, but that they shall be converted, born again, and changed by the effectual working of God's Holy Spirit.

10. We believe that such as are converted, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in holiness and never fall finally away.

11. We believe it to be the duty incumbent on all God's people to walk religiously in good works, not in the old covenant way of seeking life and the favor of the Lord by it, but only as a duty from a principle of love.

12. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, both belonging to the converted or true believers, and that persons who were sprinkled or dipped whilst in unbelief were not regularly baptised according to God's Word, and that such ought to be baptised after they are savingly converted into the faith of Christ.

13. We believe that every church is independent in matters of discipline, and that Associations, councils, and conferences of several ministers or churches, are not to impose on the churches the keeping, holding, or maintaining any principle or practice contrary to the church's judgment.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust and a general judgment.

15. We believe that the punishment of the wicked is everlasting, and the joys of the righteous eternal.

16. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

17. Lastly, we do believe that for the mutual comfort, union and satisfaction of the several churches of the aforesaid faith and order, we ought to meet in an associational way, wherein each church ought to represent its case by its delegates and attend as often as is necessary to advise with the several churches and conference, and that the decision of matters in such association, ought not to be imposed or any wise binding on the churches without their consent, but only to sit and act as an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen if need be.

2.. Conference shall be opened by prayer or by the Moderator.

3. Corresponding letters shall be called for and read.

4. A door of experience shall be opened for the reception of members into fellowship.

5. The state of the church shall be inquired into.

6. Proceed to any business that shall be before the house.

7. No person shall make a public speech without rising from his seat and addressing the Moderator by the appellation of brother.

8. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without liberty of the Conference.

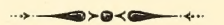
9. There shall be no whispering in time of public speech.

10. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be debated upon except it be withdrawn by him who made it.

11. The minority shall give up to the majority in all cases except receiving members into fellowship or to office.

12. If any query shall be handed in by writing, the Clerk shall read it three times and lay it before the Conference. If required, it shall be debated upon and answered or postponed.

13. Conference shall be adjourned by praise and prayer by any person the Moderator shall call upon.



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, except at their regular place of business, to sell or offer for sale within one and one-half miles of any meeting of the Turner Swamp Primitive Baptist Association at any time during the three days and nights of its meetings, any wine, whiskey, or other alcoholic drinks or beer, confections, candies, lemonade, coca-cola, pepsi-cola, soda water, ginger ale, or any cold or soft drink or concoctions of any kind whatsoever, any cigars, cigarettes, tobacco of any kind or to make photographs or other pictures. Any person, firm, or corporation so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than ten dollars nor over $50.00, nor less than ten days, nor more than thirty days or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 2. A regular place of business under this act shall be a business which has been offering for sale regularly for six months immediately prior to said Association the same class of goods which they offer for sale on the days of the meetings in Section 1 of the Act.

Section 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 12th day of October, 1913.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

1. To provide for the general rule of the churches.

2. To provide inviolably a chain of communication among the churches.

3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

4. To inquire into the cause why the church fails to represent themselves at any time in this Association.

5. To appropriate the monies by the church contributed for an Association.

6. To appoint any member or members by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary.

7. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union which violates the Rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion.

8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry, who may be present at the time of the sitting, whom it shall judge necessary.

9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs, or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher who shall travel within the bounds of this Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School Union Societies, nor advocate the Theological Schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution
Londons	**T. B. Best**	John T. Alston, R. Roundtree	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	66	$30.00
Turner Swamp	**A. Hill**	E. Dickerson, W. Artis	2	1	..	..	..	1	5	42	20.00
Barnes	**T. B. Best**	J. Pope, Robert Artis	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	10.00
Little Union	**J. A. Armstrong**	M. Barnes, H. L. Armstrong	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	15.00
Little Rocky Mt.	**J. A. Armstrong**	I. Watters, M. Bullock	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	12.00
Spring Hope	**L. W. Pulley**	G. D. Drewery, J. Pulley	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	15.00
Ricks Grove	**J. A. Armstrong**	M. Powell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4.00
Little Nahunta	**T. B. Best**	J. Spruil, J. L. Coley	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	12	9.00
		Totals	..	3	..	..	..	2	9	186	115.00